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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC
SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF

TODD GOTTLIEB, D.M.D.
License No. 22DI01784700

LICENSED TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

The New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("Board") received three patient complaints against Todd Gottlieb, D.M.D. ("Dr. Gottlieb" or "respondent"), alleging that respondent deviated from the standard of care and professionalism for dentists licensed to practice in this State. On July 21, 2010, respondent appeared with counsel, Pamela Mandel, Esq., at an investigative inquiry held by the Board. Subsequent to his appearance, the Board received additional information regarding Dr. Gottlieb's treatment of patient of V.A.

A review of the complaints, patient records, other information, and respondent's testimony shows: as to patient N.J., respondent during an attempted extraction of tooth #3 left the distal buccal root and apparently caused an opening to N.J.'s sinus.

Respondent failed to adequately address that condition by delaying referral to an oral surgeon and by placing dry socket material in the opening. The patient asserts that following treatment she has suffered from a chronic sinus communication with the oral cavity and has undergone multiple surgeries to attempt repair.

As to patient C.M.W., respondent failed to obtain adequate diagnostics prior to commencing treatment, failed to develop an appropriate treatment plan, and failed to properly execute the endodontic and restorative treatment rendered. There were gross overhangs on multiple amalgam fillings and poorly contoured contacts, and endodontic treatment did not meet the standard of care. As to patient C.M., respondent performed deficient endodontic treatment on tooth #18 (mesial canal was short of the apex and underfilled), requiring re-treatment. He refunded \$466 to the patient's insurance company for that treatment. With regard to patient V.A., respondent did not adequately address the file that broke during endodontic treatment. Respondent settled with patient V.A.

Additionally, respondent's record keeping did not comply with the Board's regulations and he failed to provide proof of completion of five of the forty hours of continuing education required for the renewal period 2005-2007.

Based on a full review of these matters, it appears to the Board that respondent has demonstrated multiple deficiencies in his diagnostic, extraction, endodontic, and restorative skills as well as deficiencies in knowledge regarding pharmacology, specifically use of therapeutic antibiotics, and record keeping.

These facts establish a basis for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d) and (h) for repeated acts of negligence, malpractice or incompetence, and violation of the Board's regulations. Following the Board's inquiry, Dr. Gottlieb completed remedial education in areas of dentistry identified by the Board. With the successful completion of that additional training, the Board does not find it necessary to limit his practice. It appearing that respondent now desires to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and without an admission of wrongdoing and for good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 4 DAY OF *September*, 2013

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Todd Gottlieb, D.M.D., has provided proof that he fully attended and successfully completed forty hours of remedial education in courses that included didactic and hands on training in extraction of teeth with emphasis on maxillary molars, operative dentistry, endodontics, periodontics, and restorative techniques. It shall also include pharmacology (to include therapeutic antibiotics), record keeping, and diagnosis and treatment planning. The courses are in addition to respondent's regularly required

continuing education hours.

2. Respondent shall provide restitution of \$470 to the patient identified in this order as C.M.W. Restitution shall be made by bank check or money order and forwarded simultaneously with the signing of this consent order to Jonathan Eisenmenger, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry, P.O. Box 45005, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

3. Failure to comply with any of the terms of this consent order may result in further disciplinary action.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By: *Sherla Daszkow D.D.S.*
Peter L. DeSciscio, D.M.D. *Sherla Daszkow D.D.S.*
President

I have read and understand this
Consent Order and agree
to be bound by its terms. I consent
to the entry of this Order.

Todd Gottlieb
Todd Gottlieb, D.M.D.

8/22/13
Date

I consent to the entry of this order as
to form

Pamela Mandel
Pamela Mandel, Esq.
Attorney for Dr. Gottlieb

9/3/13
Date